## Mayor and City Council Agenda Item Request

| Meeting Date: 3/18/2013 | Type: Staff Guidance |
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#### **Call to Podium:**

Maureen Herndon, Division Chief, Community Services

### Agenda Item Title:

**Opportunity Grant Fund Application** 

#### **Responsible Staff and Department:**

Maureen Herndon, Community Services Division

#### **Desired Outcome from Council:**

Determine funding for grant request.

| Public Hearing History     |  |
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| Introduction Date:         |  |
| Advertisement Date (1):    |  |
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| Public Hearing Date:       |  |
| Record Held Open Date:     |  |
| Policy Discussion Date:    |  |
| Anticipated Adoption Date: |  |

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#### **Supporting Background Information:**

In the FY13 budget, up to \$50,000 was authorized to provide grants to nonprofit organizations for program(s)/service(s) that are new, innovative, and/or address emerging needs or special opportunities for City of Gaithersburg residents. The Community Advisory Committee would like to recommend Opportunity Grant funding in the amount of \$4,000 to the Dwelling Place transitional housing program for its "Education Creates Opportunity" program. These funds will enable 4 adult participants to obtain needed trainings and certifications that will assist them in pursuing higher level workforce opportunities. Funds will be used for Certified Nursing Assistant classes and certifications, GED classes and a test, renewal of occupational licenses, and for a sign language class.